--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Quebec Division - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/20th pound - lithographed in black ink - inscribed *G. La Rue / Collector* **- 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec On February 16th 1878.

John McKay records that 645,507 lithographed copies of "1-20th Black Ribbon" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further records that 1,018,966 lithographed copies of "1-20 lb. Black Ribbon" were 'Delivered' under the second section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). Most strips in this second section were unfinished items designated for destruction.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	645,507
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	1,018,966
	1,664,473

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	52,631
Hamilton Division	none
Montreal Division	82,544
Quebec Division	131,080
Toronto Division	18,724
Windsor Division	400,008
	684,987

The catalogue lists the 1/20th pound, black, Quebec, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-39 - 1/20 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-39a - 1/20 pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-39a** - the perforated 1/20th pound "Quebec" Division strip, lithographed in black ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove. **WANTED!**

The few *unwatermarked* strips in the collection are printed on vertical mesh wove paper, and have simply missed the sheet *block watermark*. I doubt the existence of the 1/20th pound strip **RP-39a** printed on ***truly unwatermarked*** horizontal mesh wove paper.

The following imperforate strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a special catalogue number.

1/20th pound, black, *imperforate,* Quebec Division, without control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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--- RP-39 - 1/20th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls ---

RP-39 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **131003**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

029808	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
100534	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
100547	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
100692	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
100911	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101138	RP-39 CP	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect
101151★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101154	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101155	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101159	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101193	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
101194	RP-39 CP	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect

Many of the **CANCELLED** strips were previously recorded without the overprint

103214	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
103223	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
120075-78	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a pane of four
120500	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
120035	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
120079-80	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a pair
130007	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130012	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130016	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130041	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130053-54	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a pair
130057	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130067	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130080	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130083	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130086	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130087-88	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a pair
130098	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130102	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130103	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130121	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130131-40	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh,
130166★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130168	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130189	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130201	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130203	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130208	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130215	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130217	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130218	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130232	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130233	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130237	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130254★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130259★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130274	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

130492	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130498	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130500	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130663	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130668	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RP-39 - 1/20th pound, black, ***imperforate,*** Quebec Division, control number **130680**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove.
It has probably been clipped from a wide-margin top or bottom copy of the sheet.

130680★	RP-39	1/20th pound, ***imperforate***, block watermarked vertical mesh
130977	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
130982	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RP-39 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **130996**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters - a suspect Dutch cancellation

130996★	RP-39 CP	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect
131003★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
131006	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
131017	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
131019	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RP-39 - 1/20th pound, black, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **131036**, seemingly *unwatermarked*,
Judging by the mesh and the control number, this strip has simply missed the sheet *block watermark*

131036★	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh,
131077-80	RP-39	1/20th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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